



Meeting of the

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 22 October 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

VENUE

Committee Room C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove
Crescent, London, E14 2BG

Members:	Deputies (if any):
Chair: Councillor M. Shahid Ali Vice-Chair: Councillor A A Sardar	
Councillor Carli Harper-Penman Councillor Abdul Matin Councillor Tim O'Flaherty Councillor M. Mamun Rashid Councillor Salim Ullah	Councillor Stephanie Eaton, (Designated Deputy representing Councillor Tim O'Flaherty) □ Councillor Azizur Rahman Khan, (Designated Deputy representing Councillor Tim O'Flaherty) □ Councillor Abjol Miah, (Designated Deputy representing Councillor M. Mamun Rashid) □ Councillor Fozol Miah, (Designated Deputy representing Councillor M. Mamun Rashid) □ Councillor Abdul Munim, (Designated Deputy representing Councillor M. Mamun Rashid)
[Note: The quorum for this body is 3 Members].	

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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 22 October 2008

7.30 p.m.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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To note any declarations of interest made by Members, including those restricting Members from voting on the questions detailed in Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992. See attached note from the Chief Executive.

3. MINUTES

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To agree as a correct record of the proceedings the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 18th June 2008.

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5. ANY OTHER SECTION ONE (UNRESTRICTED) BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

6. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

In view of the contents of the remaining items on the agenda the Committee is recommended to adopt the following motion:

“That, under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting for the consideration of the Section Two business on the grounds that it contains information defined as Exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972.”

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Agenda Item 2

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS - NOTE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

This note is guidance only. Members should consult the Council's Code of Conduct for further details. Note: Only Members can decide if they have an interest therefore they must make their own decision. If in doubt as to the nature of an interest it is advisable to seek advice **prior** to attending at a meeting.

Declaration of interests for Members

Where Members have a personal interest in any business of the authority as described in paragraph 4 of the Council's Code of Conduct (contained in part 5 of the Council's Constitution) then s/he must disclose this personal interest as in accordance with paragraph 5 of the Code. Members must disclose the existence and nature of the interest at the start of the meeting and certainly no later than the commencement of the item or where the interest becomes apparent.

You have a **personal interest** in any business of your authority where it relates to or is likely to affect:

- (a) An interest that you must **register**
- (b) An interest that is not on the register, but where the well-being or financial position of you, members of your family, or people with whom you have a close association, is likely to be affected by the business of your authority more than it would affect the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision.

Where a personal interest is declared a Member may stay and take part in the debate and decision on that item.

What constitutes a prejudicial interest? - Please refer to paragraph 6 of the adopted Code of Conduct.

Your personal interest will also be a prejudicial interest in a matter if (a), (b) and either (c) or (d) below apply:-

- (a) A member of the public, who knows the relevant facts, would reasonably think that your personal interests are so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgment of the public interests; AND
- (b) The matter does not fall within one of the exempt categories of decision listed in paragraph 6.2 of the Code; AND EITHER
- (c) The matter affects your financial position or the financial interest of a body with which you are associated; or
- (d) The matter relates to the determination of a licensing or regulatory application

The key points to remember if you have a prejudicial interest in a matter being discussed at a meeting:-

- i. You must declare that you have a prejudicial interest, and the nature of that interest, as soon as that interest becomes apparent to you; and
- ii. You must leave the room for the duration of consideration and decision on the item and not seek to influence the debate or decision unless (iv) below applies; and

- iii. You must not seek to improperly influence a decision in which you have a prejudicial interest.
- iv. If Members of the public are allowed to speak or make representations at the meeting, give evidence or answer questions about the matter, by statutory right or otherwise (e.g. planning or licensing committees), you can declare your prejudicial interest but make representations. However, you must immediately leave the room once you have finished your representations and answered questions (if any). You cannot remain in the meeting or in the public gallery during the debate or decision on the matter.

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE 2008

**COMMITTEE ROOM, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE
CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

Members Present:

Councillor M. Shahid Ali (Chair)

Councillor Tim O'Flaherty
Councillor M. Mamun Rashid
Councillor A A Sardar
Councillor Salim Ullah

Other Councillors Present:

Officers Present:

Julian Francis – (Political Adviser to the Conservative Group,
Democratic Services, Chief Executive's)
Graham White – (Interim Legal Team Manager, Legal Services,
Chief Executive's)
Angus Taylor – (Executive Team Leader, Democratic Services)

COUNCILLOR M. SHAHID ALI (CHAIR) IN THE CHAIR

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor C. Harper – Penman.

Noted

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Councillor S. Ullah, nominated Councillor A. A. Sardar, as Vice-Chair of the General Purposes Committee for the Municipal Year 2008-2009. The Chair, seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations it was: -

Resolved

That Councillor A. A. Sardar be elected Vice-Chair of the General Purposes Committee for the Municipal Year 2008 – 2009.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor S. Ullah, sought and was given clarification by Mr White, Interim Legal Team Adviser, Chief Executive's, in relation to any legal requirement to declare a personal interest: -

- On the basis of being a representative of the Authority on the governing body of certain outside bodies which were the subject a report later on the agenda, containing recommendations relating to appointment of representatives of the Authority to these bodies for the Municipal Year 2008/2009.
- On the basis of being Labour Group whip, in the context of nominations made by the Labour Group for appointment of representatives of the Authority on the governing body of outside bodies for the Municipal Year 2008/2009, which was the subject a report later on the agenda.

No declarations of interest were subsequently made.

4. MINUTES

The Chair **Moved** and it was: -

Resolved

That the unrestricted minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 10th December 2007 be approved and signed by the Chair, as a correct record of the proceedings.

5. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 General Purposes Committee - Terms of reference, membership and dates of meetings

The clerk, at the request of the Chair, in introducing the report summarised the salient points contained therein.

The Chair **Moved** the recommendation contained in the report and it was:-

Resolved:

That the contents of the report be noted.

5.2 Appointments to external bodies

The clerk, at the request of the Chair, in introducing the report summarised the salient points contained therein.

At this juncture the Chair firstly informed members of the Committee that in order to expedite consideration of the report he thought it appropriate that the Committee agree the noting recommendations contained in the report, and accordingly **Moved**

“That the recommendations contained in paragraph 3. (ii) and 3. (iii) of the report be agreed”

and it was: -

Resolved:

1. That the appointments to London Councils Committees and Forums made by Council on 21st May 2008, as listed in Appendix B to the report, be noted.
2. That the ‘Guidance for Members representing the Council on external bodies’ attached at Appendix C to the report be noted.

The Chair continued by secondly informing members of the Committee that in order to streamline consideration of the business set out in paragraph 3. (ii) of the report before them, the appointments to external bodies, he felt it was appropriate that the Committee focus its attention on the external bodies where there were more nominations than appointments to be made (by the Council) and also on those where there were currently insufficient nominations. Accordingly the Chair **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Committee: -

“That the appointments to external bodies set out in Appendix A to the report, in accordance with nominations received from political groups, be agreed with the exception of those appointments where there are more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council, and that the Committee consider those appointments organisation by organisation in the order detailed in Appendix A.

That it be noted, in relation to appointments for several outside organisations, that there were further nominations to be made by the political groups, and that the Committee note these organisation by organisation in the order detailed in Appendix A.”

and it was: -

Resolved:

1. That the appointments to external bodies set out in Appendix A to the report, in accordance with nominations received from political groups, be agreed with the exception of those appointments where there were more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council, and that the Committee consider those appointments organisation by organisation in the order detailed in Appendix A.
2. That it be noted, in relation to appointments for several outside organisations, that there were further nominations to be made by the political groups, and that the Committee note these organisation by organisation in the order detailed in Appendix A.

*CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIFIC EXTERNAL BODIES
DETAILED IN APPENDIX A TO THE REPORT*

Age Concern Tower Hamlets

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "Age Concern Tower Hamlets" Appendix A detailed more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

The Chair **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Committee: -

"That the Committee agree the nomination of the Labour Group that Councillor A. Heslop be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of Age Concern Tower Hamlets for the Municipal Year 2008/09"

and it was:-

Resolved (on a vote of 4 for and 1 against)

That Councillor A. Heslop be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of Age Concern Tower Hamlets for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

Councillor T. O'Flaherty commented that if voting in relation to all contested appointments were to be party political, he considered that approach to be inappropriate.

Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood" Appendix A detailed more

nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

The Chair **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Committee: -

“That the Committee agree the nominations of the Labour Group that Councillors D. Jones and C. Hawkins, be appointed as a representatives of the Authority on the governing body of Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood for the Municipal Year 2008/09”

and it was:-

Resolved (on a vote of 4 for and 1 against)

That Councillors D. Jones and C. Hawkins be appointed as representatives of the Authority on the governing body of Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

Councillor T. O’ Flaherty commented that the nominee of the Liberal Democrat Group, Councillor S. Eaton, was a Councillor in Bethnal Green North Ward, where the Museum was located, and considered it inappropriate that such appointments should be made on a party political basis.

Docklands Sailing Water Sports Centre

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation “Docklands Sailing Water Sports Centre” Appendix A detailed more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

The Chair **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Committee: -

“That the Committee agree the nomination of the Labour Group that Councillor Md. Shahid Ali, be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of Docklands Sailing Water Sports Centre for the Municipal Year 2008/09”

and it was:-

Resolved (on a vote of 4 for and 1 against)

That Councillor Md. Shahid Ali be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of Docklands Sailing Water Sports Centre for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

Councillor T. O' Flaherty commented that the nominee of the Conservative Group, Councillor P. Briscoe, was a Ward Councillor where the Sailing Centre was located, and considered it inappropriate that such appointments should be made on a party political basis.

East London Line Group

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "East London Line Group" Appendix A detailed more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

Councillor S. Ullah **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Committee: -

"That the Committee agree two of three nominations of the Labour Group being Councillors A. Ullah and S. Ullah, and that accordingly they be appointed as representatives of the Authority on the East London Line Group for the Municipal Year 2008/09"

and it was:-

Resolved (on a vote of 3 for and none against)

That Councillors A. Ullah and S. Ullah be appointed as representatives of the Authority on the East London Line Group for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

English Heritage – Historic Environment Champion

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "English Heritage – Historic Environment Champion" Appendix A detailed more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

The Chair **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Committee: -

"That the Committee agree the nomination of the Labour Group that Councillor D. Jones, be appointed as the Authority's Historic Environment Champion to English Heritage for the Municipal Year 2008/09"

and it was:-

Resolved (on a vote of 3 for and 1 against)

That Councillor D. Jones, be appointed as the Authority's Historic Environment Champion to English Heritage for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

East London and The City University Mental Health NHS Trust

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "East London and The City University Mental Health NHS Trust" Appendix A detailed more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

The Chair **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Committee: -

"That the Committee agree the nomination of the Labour Group that Councillor B. Turner, be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of East London and The City University Mental Health NHS Trust for the Municipal Year 2008/09"

and it was:-

Resolved (on a vote of 4 for and 1 against)

That Councillor B. Turner be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of East London and The City University Mental Health NHS Trust for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

Island Health Charities Trust

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "Island Health Charities Trust" Appendix A detailed more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

The Chair **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Committee: -

"That the Committee agree the nomination of the Labour Group that Councillor Md. Shahid Ali, be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of Island Health Charities Trust for the Municipal Year 2008/09"

and it was:-

Resolved (on a vote of 3 for and 2 against)

That Councillor Md. Shahid Ali be appointed as a representative of the Authority on the governing body of Island Health Charities Trust for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

Councillor T. O' Flaherty commented that the nominee of the Conservative Group, Councillor R. Eckhardt, was a Ward Councillor where the Island Health Charities Trust was located, and considered it inappropriate that such appointments should be made on a party political basis.

London Canals Committee

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "London Canals Committee" Appendix A detailed two nominations however the appointments to be made by the Council were one representative and one deputy (for that representative) and therefore the Committee would need to agree and vote on which of the nominated Councillors should be the representative and which the deputy.

Councillor T. O. Flaherty **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Committee: -

"That the Committee agree that Councillor P. Golds, the nominee of the Conservative Group, be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of London Canals Committee and that Councillor M. Francis, the nominee of the Labour Group, be appointed as the deputy for Councillor Golds, for the Municipal Year 2008/09"

Councillor M. Mamun Rashid Seconded the motion.

The Chair put the motion to a vote and on a vote of 2 for and 3 against, the motion fell.

The Chair **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Committee: -

"That the Committee agree that Councillor M. Francis, the nominee of the Labour Group, be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of London Canals Committee and that Councillor P. Golds, the nominee of the Conservative Group, be appointed as the deputy for Councillor Francis, for the Municipal Year 2008/09"

and it was:-

Resolved (on a vote of 3 for and 2 against)

That Councillor M. Francis, the nominee of the Labour Group, be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of London Canals Committee and that Councillor P. Golds, the nominee of the Conservative Group, be appointed as the deputy for Councillor Francis, for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

London Accident Prevention Council

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "London Accident Prevention Council", Appendix A detailed two nominations however the appointments to be made by the Council were one

representative and one deputy (for that representative) and therefore the Committee would need to agree and vote on which of the nominated Councillors should be the representative and which the deputy.

The Chair **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Committee: -

“That the Committee agree that Councillor R. Bawden, the nominee of the Labour Group, be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of London Accident Prevention Council and that Councillor E. Jones, the nominee of the Conservative Group, be appointed as the deputy for Councillor Bawden, for the Municipal Year 2008/09”

and it was:-

Resolved (on a vote of 3 for and 1 against)

That Councillor R. Bawden, the nominee of the Labour Group, be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of London Accident Prevention Council and that Councillor E. Jones, the nominee of the Conservative Group, be appointed as the deputy for Councillor Bawden, for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

Lee Valley Regional Park Authority

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation “Lee Valley Regional Park Authority”, Appendix A detailed only one nomination however the appointments to be made by the Council were one representative and one deputy for that representative.

The Chair Moved the following motion for the consideration of members of the Committee: -
And it was

Resolved

That it be noted that: -

- The Committee had agreed earlier in the proceedings that Councillor R. Bawden, the nominee of the Labour Group, be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of Lee Valley Regional Park Authority for the Municipal Year 2008/09; and
- That there was a further nomination to be made by the political groups to ensure full representation of the Authority on the governing body of Lee Valley Regional Park Authority in the Municipal Year 2008/09 and that further consideration would be given to this matter by the Committee at its next meeting.

London Rivers Association

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "London Rivers Association" Appendix A detailed more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

The Chair **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Committee: -

"That the Committee agree the nomination of the Labour Group that Councillor J. Peck, be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of London Rivers Association for the Municipal Year 2008/09"

and it was:-

Resolved (on a vote of 3 for and 2 against)

That Councillor J. Peck, be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of London Rivers Association for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

Mudchute Association

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "Mudchute Association" Appendix A detailed more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

The Chair **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Committee: -

"That the Committee agree the nomination of the Labour Group that Councillor Md. Shahid Ali, be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of Mudchute Association for the Municipal Year 2008/09"

and it was:-

Resolved (on a vote of 3 for and 2 against)

That Councillor Md. Shahid Ali be appointed as a representative of the Authority on the governing body of Mudchute Association for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

Councillor T. O' Flaherty commented that the nominee of the Conservative Group, Councillor R. Eckhardt, was a Ward Councillor, where Mudchute Park

was located, and considered it inappropriate that such appointments should be made on a party political basis.

Nolton Folgate Almhouse Charities

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "Nolton Folgate Almhouse Charities", Appendix A detailed no ongoing appointments only one nomination (appointment agreed earlier in the proceedings), however the Council could make two appointments in total.

The Chair **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Committee: -
And it was

Resolved

That it be noted that: -

- The Committee had agreed earlier in the proceedings that Ms R. Blake, the nominee of the Labour Group, be appointed as a representative of the Authority on the governing body of Nolton Folgate Almhouse Charities for the Municipal Year 2008/09; and
- That there were two further nominations to be made by the political groups to ensure full representation of the Authority on the governing body of Nolton Folgate Almhouse Charities in the Municipal Year 2008/09 and that further consideration would be given to this matter by the Committee at its next meeting.

North East London Valuation Tribunal

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "North East London Valuation Tribunal" Appendix A detailed five ongoing appointments however the Council could make one further appointment.

The Chair **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Committee: -
And it was

Resolved

That it be noted that in addition to the ongoing appointments there was a further nomination to be made by the political groups to ensure full representation of the Authority on the governing body of North East London Valuation Tribunal in the Municipal Year 2008/09 and that further consideration would be given to this matter by the Committee at its next meeting.

Ocean New Deal for Communities

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "Ocean New Deal for Communities", Appendix A detailed that there were no ongoing appointments and no nominations had been made, however the Council could make two appointments.

The Chair **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Committee: -

And it was

Resolved

That it be noted that there were further nominations to be made by the political groups to ensure full representation of the Authority on the governing body of Ocean New Deal for Communities in the Municipal Year 2008/09 and that further consideration would be given to this matter by the Committee at its next meeting.

Old Ford Housing Association

The Chair, in referring to Appendix A, commented that: -

- With regard to the organisation "Old Ford Housing Association" the information contained therein was as follows:
 - The Authority could make one appointment to the governing body of the Old Ford Housing Association for the Municipal Year 2008/09.
 - That Councillor Francis had been appointed as a representative of the Authority on the governing body of Old Ford Housing Association for the Municipal Year 2007/08, but that this was not an ongoing appointment.
 - That no nominations had been made for the Municipal Year 2008/09.
- The above details were incorrect, as Councillor Francis was an independent member of the governing body of the Old Ford Housing Association and the Authority was not entitled to appoint any other representatives to this governing body.

Parmiters Bethnal Green Education Trust

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "Parmiters Bethnal Green Education Trust", Appendix A detailed that there were no ongoing appointments and no nominations had been made however the Council could make one appointments.

The Chair **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Committee: -

And it was

Resolved

That it be noted that there was a further nomination to be made by the political groups to ensure full representation of the Authority on the governing body of Parmiters Bethnal Green Education Trust in the Municipal Year 2008/09 and that further consideration would be given to this matter by the Committee at its next meeting.

St Hilda's Community Centre Management

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "St Hilda's Community Centre Management" Appendix A detailed more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

The Chair **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Committee: -

"That the Committee agree the nomination of the Labour Group that Councillor F. Haque, be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of St Hilda's Community Centre Management for the Municipal Year 2008/09"

and it was:-

Resolved (on a vote of 3 for and 2 against)

That Councillor F. Haque be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of St Hilda's Community Centre Management for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

Councillor T. O' Flaherty commented that the nominee of the Liberal Democrat Group, himself, had been a Ward Councillor, where the St Hilda's Centre was located, since 2002 whereas Councillor Haque, the Labour Group nominee, had only recently been elected and considered it inappropriate that such appointments should be made on a party political basis.

Stepney Relief in Need Charity

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "Stepney Relief in Need Charity" (appointment agreed earlier in the proceedings), Appendix A detailed one ongoing appointment and one nomination, however the Council could make three appointments.

The Chair **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Committee: -
And it was

Resolved

That it be noted that: -

- That Councillor Rofique U. Ahmed had been appointed by the General Purposes Committee as a representative of the Authority on the governing body of Stepney Relief in Need Charity, for a 4 year term, commencing in the Municipal Year 2005/06 (expiring 16 June 2009);
- The Committee had agreed earlier in the proceedings that Councillor B. Turner, the nominee of the Labour Group, be appointed as a second representative of the Authority on the governing body of Stepney Relief in Need Charity for a 4 year term commencing in the Municipal Year 2008/09;
- That there was a further nomination to be made by the political groups to ensure full representation of the Authority on the governing body of Stepney Relief in Need Charity in the Municipal Year 2008/09 and that further consideration would be given to this matter by the Committee at its next meeting.

Thomas Dickenson Charity

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "Thomas Dickenson Charity", Appendix A detailed that there were no ongoing appointments and no nominations had been made however the Council could make three appointments.

The Chair **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Committee: -
and it was

Resolved

That it be noted that there were further nominations to be made by the political groups to ensure full representation of the Authority on the governing body of Thomas Dickenson Charity in the Municipal Year 2008/09 and that further consideration would be given to this matter by the Committee at its next meeting.

Tower Hamlets Sports Council

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "Tower Hamlets Sports Council", Appendix A detailed six nominations (appointments agreed earlier in the proceedings) however the Council could make one further appointment.

The Chair **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Committee: -
And it was

Resolved

That it be noted that: -

- The Committee had agreed earlier in the proceedings that Councillors W. Islam, O. Ahmed, S. Khatun, A. Omer, the nominees of the Labour Group; R. Eckhardt the nominee of the Conservative Group and S. Eaton, the nominee of the Liberal Democrat Group , be appointed as representatives of the Authority on the governing body of Tower Hamlets Sports Council for the Municipal Year 2008/09;
- That it be noted that there was a further nomination to be made by the political groups to ensure full representation of the Authority on the governing body of Tower Hamlets Sports Council in the Municipal Year 2008/09 and that further consideration would be given to this matter by the Committee at its next meeting.

5.3 Appointment of Members/deputies to casual vacancies on committees/panels (if any)

The Chair informed members of the Cabinet:-

- That the report had been **Tabled**, a copy of which would be interleaved with the minutes.
- Of the special circumstances and reasons for urgency associated with the report as follows:-
 - The report was unavailable for public inspection within the standard timescales set out in the Authority's Constitution, because of the delay in receiving and processing nominations from political groups.
 - Agreement of appointments to external bodies was important to ensure that the Authority can fully represent the residents of the Borough in these forums and because the next opportunity for the Committee to agree such appointments was August 2008, and that would unduly delay this proper representation.

The Committee subsequently agreed these special circumstances and reasons for urgency.

The clerk, at the request of the Chair, in introducing the report summarised the salient points contained therein.

The Chair **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Committee: -

"That appointments to Committees and Panels for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2008/09 be agreed in accordance with the nominations from the respective political groups, as set out in paragraph 2.1 (i) of the report."

and it was: -

Resolved:

1. That the following appointments to Committees and Panels of the Council be agreed for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2008/09: -

Committee/ Panel	Councillor Deputy Appointments
Appeals	Cllr Md. Abdus Salique representing Cllrs Salim Ullah, Denise Jones, Ahmed Omer, Bill Turner and Motin Uz-Zaman
Audit	Cllrs Motin Uz-Zaman and Rajib Ahmed each representing Cllrs Helal Abbas, Denise Jones, Joshua Peck and Md. Abdus Salique
General Purposes	Cllr Rajib Ahmed representing Cllrs Md. Shahid Ali, Carli Harper-Penman, A. A. Sardar and Salim Ullah
Health Scrutiny	Cllr Denise Jones representing Cllrs Ann Jackson, Bill Turner, Md. Abdus Salique and Motin Uz-Zaman
Human Resources	Cllr Rajib Ahmed representing Cllrs Waiseul Islam, Alibor Choudhury, Fazlul Haque and Joshua Peck
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Cllrs Carli Harper-Penman, Md. Shahid Ali and Salim Ullah each representing Cllrs Abdul Asad, Waiseul Islam, Ann Jackson, Shiria Khatun, A. A. Sardar and Bill Turner

The meeting ended at 7.57 p.m.

Chair, Councillor M. Shahid Ali
General Purposes Committee

Agenda Item 4.1

Committee General Purposes Committee	Date 22nd October 2008	Classification Unrestricted	Report No.	Agenda Item No. 4.1
Report of: Service Head, Democratic Services Originating Officer(s): John S. Williams		Title: APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL BODIES Ward(s) affected: All		

SUMMARY

1. General Purposes Committee on 18th June 2008 received nominations from the political groups and agreed the Council's appointments to a wide range of external bodies.
2. This report recommends a number of additional appointments in respect of positions that remained vacant following the 18th June meeting or where the relevant political group wishes to change their nomination; or where new vacancies have arisen since that meeting.
3. Any further nominations or amendments received prior to the committee will be reported at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

4. That appointments be made to external bodies for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2008/2009 as listed at paragraph 7 overleaf.

BACKGROUND

5. The General Purposes Committee has been established by Council to enable the swift determination of non-executive matters, including appointments to external bodies.
6. The Committee is requested to consider the nominations set out below for appointment to External Bodies, which have been received from the political groups on the Council. Appointments are made for one municipal year unless otherwise indicated.

VACANCIES AND NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

7. The Committee is asked to make appointments to the following vacant positions. Any nominations received from the political groups prior to agenda despatch are listed below. Any further nominations received prior to the Committee will be tabled at the meeting:

Organisation	Reason for vacancy	Current representative(s)	Nominations
Cultural Industries Development Agency	Resignation of existing nominee.	2: Cllr Denise Jones (to May 2009); Cllr Rofique Ahmed (resigned August 2008)	To be notified
Lee Valley Regional Park Authority	(i) Resignation of existing nominee. (ii) Deputy position vacant since June 2008.	1: Former Cllr Rupert Bawden (resigned)	To be notified (Member plus deputy)
London Housing Consortium	Revised nomination	2: Cllr Marc Francis and Cllr Alex Heslop	Labour Group nomination: Cllr Waiseul Islam to replace Cllr Alex Heslop
Poplar Harca	Revised board structure. 1 Councillor now invited to serve on each of 4 new Boards (Poplar Harca; Places; Services; and Finance & Audit).	2: Cllr A. A. Sardar and Cllr Motin Uz-Zaman Existing Board Members have been invited to express a preference for	To be notified

	Therefore 2 new places are available. An Appointments Panel will make the final appointments taking into account match of skills, representation etc. The Council is invited to nominate a pool of Councillors to the appointments process.	membership of new Boards.	
Stepney Relief In Need Charity (4 year term)	Retirement of Mr David Byatt as the Council's 3 rd representative.	3: Cllr Rofique U. Ahmed (to June 2009); Cllr Bill Turner (to June 2012); and 1 vacancy	To be notified
Tower Hamlets College	Vacancy unfilled in June 2008. TH College has also asked the Council now to appoint representatives for a three year term, subject to the nominee remaining a Councillor/officer	2: Cllr Claire Hawkins and 1 vacancy	To be notified.
Tower Hamlets Community Transport	No appointment made in June 2008. THCT invites nominee with an interest in community transport and availability for daytime meetings approx 6-weekly. Can be a Councillor or officer.	None (Cllr A. Ali appointment expired June 2008)	To be notified.
Tower Hamlets Sports Council	Only 6 of 7 posts filled in June 2008.	7: Cllrs Ohid Ahmed; Stephanie Eaton; Rupert Eckhardt; Waiseul Islam; Shiria Khatun; Ahmed Omer; and 1 vacancy	Labour Group nomination: Cllr Rofique U. Ahmed to fill vacant position

COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

8. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL)

9. There are no legal comments arising from this report.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS

10. There are no immediate equal opportunity implications arising from this report.

ANTI POVERTY IMPLICATIONS

11. There are no immediate anti-poverty implications arising from this report.

SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT (SAGE)

12. There are no immediate SAGE implications arising from this report.

RISK ASSESSMENT

13. The appointment of representatives to external bodies enables the Council to strengthen links with community. The appointment of representatives to external bodies also contributes to the Council's leadership role in the community.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2000 (SECTION 97)
LIST OF "BACKGROUND PAPERS" USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS
REPORT**

Brief description of "background paper"

Name and telephone number of holder and address where open to inspection

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Agenda Item 4.2

COMMITTEE General Purposes	DATE 22 October 2008	CLASSIFICATION	REPORT NO	AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.2
REPORT OF: Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services)		TITLE: Further Electoral Review		
ORIGINATING OFFICER(S) Isabella Freeman		WARDS AFFECTED All		

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report summarises the purpose of electoral reviews and having regard to those criteria sets out the position in this borough. Seven wards currently have an electoral imbalance and it would be beneficial for a greater degree of electoral equality to be achieved as soon as possible.
- 1.2 However, the Boundary Committee for England of the Electoral Commission has identified its priorities for 2009-2011 and the Council's situation does not fulfil any of the criteria for review prior to 2011.
- 1.3 The current ward structure will apply to the local elections in 2010 and the periodic review, which occurs approximately every 10 years, will take place as the Boundary Committee's work programme allows from 2011 onwards.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The Committee is recommended to note the report.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 (AS AMENDED) SECTION 100D
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT**

Brief description of background paper

Name and telephone number of holder and address where open to inspection

3. **BACKGROUND**

3.1 Under the Local Government Acts 1972 and 1992 and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the Electoral Commission via its Boundary Committee for England is charged with conducting electoral reviews of local authority areas.

3.2 The purpose of an electoral review is three fold in order to meet the need

- to secure equality of representation i.e. that all Councillors in an authority represent approximately the same number of electors.
- to reflect the identities and interests of local communities. This is more imprecise and involves what and where a community is and more importantly what defines it and marks it out as a separate identifiable community. History and tradition may be the basis of a sense of community identity or the location of public facilities such as doctors' surgeries, libraries, schools, residents' associations etc or physical barriers such as roads, rivers, railway lines or recent developments in the built environment.
- to secure effective and convenient local government, which is also difficult to define but is a starting point for the Boundary Committee which takes an initial decision about the size of the local authority required to service properly the area under review, and that Councillors are not prevented from representing their constituents by systemic considerations.

3.3 The population of any local authority area is constantly changing with people moving in and out of the areas as well as others who are moving between different parts of the same authority. This is particularly the case where areas are experiencing major growth or regeneration initiatives. As a result the levels of people movements in and out of wards largely due to building changes with some wards have resulted in some Councillors representing considerably more or fewer electors than their colleagues. Where these imbalances become significant an electoral review is required to re-draw ward boundaries thereby reducing such imbalances and the Electoral Commission will direct its Boundary Committee for England to conduct such review.

3.4 Additionally the Electoral Commission must direct the Boundary Committee to review each principal area in England 'from time to time'. In practice this has been established as every 10 years. The last periodic review of the borough was in 2001.

3.5 In addition to a full review of electoral wards under section 18 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (as amended) the authority may review polling places and polling districts within existing wards and such a review was carried out in 2007. Attached at Appendix 1 is the report of 15 November 2007 to this Committee. The Committee recommended Council to adopt the Returning Officer's revised proposals and at its meeting on 28 November 2007 the Council adopted the proposals and the polling places and polling districts were formally designated.

4. **CURRENT POSITION**

4.1 As a result of demographic changes in the borough since the last periodic review in 2001 there are a number of imbalances in the current wards. The electorate of the borough is 155,525 which provides a average figure for the 17 wards of 9,149. On the basis of the registration figures for August 2008 four wards exceed that figure substantially and at least two of them are likely to grow even more in the near future as further large residential developments already underway are completed.

4.2 The wards exceeding the mean figure are:

Millwall	-	11,634	+ 27%
Blackwall & Cubitt Town	-	10,478	+ 14.5%
Mile End & Globe Town	-	10,438	+ 14.1%
St Dunstan's & Stepney Green	-	10,152	+11%

4.3 There are also certain wards in which the electorate is less than the mean figure:-

Spitalfields & Banglatown	-	6,868	- 25%
Mile End East	-	7,906	- 13.6%
Bromley by Bow	-	8,221	- 10.1%

5 **BOUNDARY COMMITTEE POSITION**

5.1 The Boundary Committee for England has advised the Council of its work programme for 2009 – 2011. During 2009 – 11 it is concentrating its attention on reviews of unitary authorities (outside London) and will prioritise single member ward reviews (of which there are none in Tower Hamlets).

5.2 The only possibility for a review prior to the periodic review, due in 2011 onwards is if the imbalances justify a Further Electoral Review ahead of the normal 10 yearly review. The Boundary Committee will conduct a number of Further Electoral Reviews in parallel with the work programme identified above,

but it is prioritising cases where such early intervention is necessary. As a general rule of thumb Further Electoral Reviews will only be considered where 30% of the wards are 10% over the average number of voters, or where one ward has a variance greater than 30%.

5.3 As can be seen from the figures in paragraphs 4.2 and 4.3 above, the Council does not fulfil the criteria for an early Further Electoral Review and therefore must await the periodic review. This will not take place before the next local elections in 2010.

6. **COMMENTS OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

6.1 There are no immediate financial implications.

7. **CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL)**

7.1 The legal considerations are referred to in the body of the report.

8. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES CONSIDERATIONS**

8.1 It is essential to ensure that ward Councillors have an evenly distributed number of electors to deal with workload.

9. **ANTI POVERTY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no issues arising from this report.

10. **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are no issues arising from this report

Committee: General Purposes Committee	Date: 15 November 2007	Classification: Unrestricted	Report No:	Agenda Item No:
Report of Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services)		Title: Review of Polling Places and Districts		
Originating Officer: Isabella Freeman Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services)		Ward(s) Affected: All		

Summary

1. This report sets out the Returning Officer's proposals for the review of review of polling districts and polling places, describes the process of the review including the consultation undertaken and makes recommendations.

Recommendations

2. That the Committee;
 - (1) note the consultative process and the responses received;
 - (2) consider the Returning Officer's revised representations set out in appendix A and recommend that they be adopted by the Council and the polling districts and polling be places be formally designated;

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 (SECTION 97)

LIST OF "BACKGROUND PAPERS" USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

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None

Background

3. In reports to previous meetings on 13th February, 25th April and 13th June 2007, members were advised about the review of polling districts and places which must be completed by the end of 2007 under the new legislation (section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006) and authorised the Interim Electoral Services Manager to take all the necessary steps to achieve this. This report sets out the steps taken in accordance with statutory requirements and the Committee's instructions and brings forward the Returning Officer's representations for the Committee's consideration. Subject to the Committee's views these proposals will be submitted to the Council meeting on 28th November 2007 for final decision.

Definitions

4. To ensure clarity in discussing issues arising from the review the following definitions are used:

polling district; a geographical sub-division of an electoral area ie a UK parliamentary constituency, a European parliamentary electoral region, a ward or an electoral division.

polling place; a geographical area in which a polling station is located. however, as there is no legal definition of what a polling place is, the geographical area could be defined as tightly as a particular building or as widely as the entire polling district.

polling station; the actual area where the process of voting takes place, and must be located within the polling place designated for the particular polling district.

Process

5. Following the meeting on 25th April 2007 formal notice of the commencement of the review was published at the Town Hall, at other venues where official council notices are published and on the website and in East End Life on 30th April 2007. The Returning Officer's (RO) representations were published on 30th May and were made available on the website, at Ideas stores, libraries, one stop shops, local housing offices and Town Hall reception. In drawing up the representations the following criteria were used:

- approximately 1,500 electors per polling station; so there were proposals to have additional polling stations at some venues where space permitted or use of another venue;
- anticipated growth in the electorate; based on residential units in construction in each current polling district the growth in the electorate was estimated. This was not an exact science but clearly some polling districts & indeed wards will have large increases in their electorates;

- known changes to current venues; ie Cheviot House & Southern Grove will not be available in future;
- alternatives to current venues where there is a better alternative;
- projected increases in the population of LBTH assuming that the same % as at present are eligible to go on the register; ONS projections for the next four years are:

2008	222,700
2009	225,600
2010	228,400
2011	231,200

It was therefore prudent to plan for a steady increase in the electorate.

- an increase in the return rate on the canvass would result in an increase in the electorate.
 - views put forward previously and by ward councillors.
6. Consultation on the ROs representations took place with ward councillors, local Members of Parliament, the constituency GLA elected representative, political parties, election agents, the metropolitan police service and groups representing people with disabilities. The authority was required to seek representations from such persons as it thinks have particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability. Such persons must have had an opportunity to make representations and to comment on the returning officer's representations. The review was also discussed at the Tower Hamlets Access Group on 20th June 2007. Electors generally were invited to comment through East End Life and the website. Consultation also took place internally within the authority particularly with Children's Services regarding the use of schools. The consultation period extended until 31st July 2007.

Response to consultation

7. The following responses were received:

Blackwall & Cubitt Town councillors; additional polling place and reorganisation of polling districts to deal with increased electorate.

Tower Project; no objections to the proposals.

Disability Coalition – Tower Hamlets; comments on Electoral Commission's guidance that although generally helpful for wheelchair users in particular, there is insufficient coverage of a wider range of disabilities. Sight impaired and blind people require good lighting not just in the polling hall itself but also outside by the entrance, inside along corridors, doorways etc. Signage needs to be in large, clear type in colours and backgrounds that are easier

understood – similarly any instructions in the polling booths. Where polling takes place in schools etc where people have to walk along corridors to reach the polling booths, a couple of chairs need to be placed part way along corridors so that those who do not use wheelchairs but have limited mobility can sit down and rest. It is not stated whether induction loops are used in the polling hall so that instructions can be heard by the hearing impaired. Nor is it clear if written instructions are available for the deaf.

Colin Brooking; use Shadwell FE Centre or Bluegate Fields School as alternative to portacabin at St Katherine's Foundation, Butchers Row (Shadwell ward).

Elaine King; use Ogilvie Community Hall as alternative to portacabin at St Katherine's Foundation, Butchers Row (Shadwell ward).

Cllr Marc Francis; use Francis Lee Community Centre as alternative to portacabin at Winford House and consider use of Tredegar Centre, Morville Street as alternative to Bow Community Hall (Bow East ward).

Revised representations

8. Having taken into account the responses made and also having reviewed polling arrangements in Shadwell ward following the by-election on 9th August 2007 the RO proposes the following arrangements (see Appendix A; changes highlighted):

Bromley-by-Bow; an additional polling station at Clara Grant Primary School to deal with an increased electorate (polling district BBB2) but otherwise no change to the current arrangements.

Blackwall & Cubitt Town; creation of new polling district BCT5 voting at Tower Hamlets Town Hall, reallocation of electors between BCT1, BCT2, BCT3 & BCT 4, and additional polling stations at Llic Centre and St Luke's CE Primary School. The revised polling district boundaries and polling places are set out in appendix B.

Bow East; use the Francis Lee Community Centre, Clare House as an alternative to a portacabin at Winford House (polling district BE1), the Tredegar Centre, Morville Street as an alternative to Bow Community Hall (polling district BE3) and additional polling station at Bow Secondary School to deal with an increased electorate (polling district BE4). The revised polling places are set out in Appendix C.

Bethnal Green North; no changes proposed.

Bethnal Green South; reallocation of electors between polling stations at John Scurr Primary School. No other changes proposed.

Bow West; additional polling station at Malmesbury Primary School to deal with an increased electorate (BW4).

East India & Lansbury; additional polling stations at St Saviours Primary Scholl, Chrisp Street (EIL1) , Brownfield Senior Citizens Club, Burcham Street (EIL3) and Teviot Centre, Wyvis Street (EIL5) to deal with increased electorates.

Limehouse; additional polling stations at Stepney Greencoat Primary School (LI1) and Hind Grove Community Centre (LI2) to deal with increased electorates.

Mile End East; Professional Development Centre, English Street as an alternative to 60 Southern Grove which will no longer be available (MEE1). The revised polling places are set out in Appendix D.

Mile End & Globetown; polling place for MGT1 to be the new Bonner Primary School (two polling stations).

Millwall; two additional polling stations at Seven Mills Primary School (MI1) to deal with the anticipated increase in the electorate.

St Dunstan's & Stepney Green; create new polling district (SDS4) voting at Halley Street Primary School, reallocate some electors from Cayley Primary School (SDS2) to SDS4 and additional polling station at sir John Cass Foundation & Redcoat Secondary School (SDS3). The revised polling district boundaries are set out in appendix E.

Shadwell; new polling station at Bluegate Fields Primary School for polling district SH1B reducing number of polling stations at Bigland Primary School from three to two. Redraw boundaries of SH2, SH3 & SH4 around acceptable polling stations at St Mary & St Michael Church Hall, Glamis Tenants Hall and Ogilvie Community Hall. Investigate possibility of using St Katherine's Foundation for part of existing SH4. The revised polling district boundaries and polling places are set out in Appendix F.

[polling district boundaries to be redrawn & ward councillors consulted]

St Katherine's & Wapping; no changes proposed.

Spitalfields & Banglatown; no changes proposed.

Weavers; New polling station at St Matthias CE Primary School to replace William Davis Primary School and to deal with increased electorate (WE3). Polling places are set out in Appendix G.

Whitechapel; additional polling station at Kobi Nazrul Primary School to deal with increased electorate (WH1), new polling station for WH2 at Tower Hamlets Community Housing, 285 Commercial Road to replace Cheviot House which will no longer be available & two new polling stations at Smithy Street Primary School (WH3) to replace Stepney Library which has closed. The revised polling places are set out in Appendix H.

Comments of Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services)

9. It is a legal requirement to carry out the review of polling places this year before 31st December 2007 and thereafter every four years in accordance with the requirements of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (see appendix I).

Comments of Chief Financial Officer

10. The costs of the review will be met from within budget.

Equal Opportunities Implications

11. It is essential that disabilities issues are taken into account in election matters particularly in the polling station review.

Anti Poverty Implications

12. There are no implications in this report.

Sustainable Action for a Greener Environment

13. Within the constraints of the suitability and availability of the accommodation, polling places are located so as to minimise the distance electors need to travel to cast their vote.

Appendices

- A Returning Officer's proposals
- B Blackwall & Cubitt Town revised polling districts & polling places
- C Bow East revised polling places
- D Mile End East revised polling places
- E St Dunstan's & Stepney Green revised polling districts & polling places
- F Shadwell revised polling districts & polling places
- G Weavers revised polling places
- H Whitechapel revised polling places
- I Schedule A1 of the Representation of the People Act 1983

REVIEW OF POLLING PLACES & POLLING DISTRICTS 2007 – RETURNING OFFICER'S PROPOSALS

appendix A

BBB1	Bromley-By-Bow	1167	Old Palace Primary School, St Leonards Street	no change
BBB1	Bromley-By-Bow	1183	Old Palace Primary School, St Leonards Street	no change
BBB1	Bromley-By-Bow	1022	Old Palace Primary School, St Leonards Street	no change
BBB2	Bromley-By-Bow	1693	Clara Grant Primary School, Knapp Road Entrance	) additional polling station to be
BBB2	Bromley-By-Bow	1688	Clara Grant Primary School, Knapp Road Entrance	) accommodated here; increased electorate
BBB3	Bromley-By-Bow	1191	Marner Primary School, Devas Street	no change
BCT1	Blackwall & Cubitt Town	2114	Llic CENTRE 316 Poplar High St, Ditchburn St Entrance	) additional polling station to be accommodated here;
BCT1	Blackwall & Cubitt Town	1306	Llic CENTRE 316 Poplar High St, Ditchburn St Entrance	) reallocate some electors to BCT2 & new BCT5
BCT2	Blackwall & Cubitt Town	1073	The Gallery Jack Dash House, 2 Lawn House Close	) reallocate electors between polling stations; anticipated
BCT2	Blackwall & Cubitt Town	1060	The Gallery Jack Dash House, 2 Lawn House Close	) significant increase in electorate
BCT3	Blackwall & Cubitt Town	1550	Cubitt Town Infants School, Manchester Road	) reallocate some electors to BCT4
BCT3	Blackwall & Cubitt Town	1530	Cubitt Town Infants School, Manchester Road)
BCT4	Blackwall & Cubitt Town	1638	St.Luke's C.E. Primary School, Saunders Ness Road	additional polling station
BCT5	Blackwall & Cubitt Town		Tower Hamlets Town Hall	new polling district & polling place; increased electorate
BE1	Bow East	2203	Francis Lee Community Centre	to replace portacabin at Winford House
BE2	Bow East	1190	Old Peoples` Club, 41 Wrights Road	no change
BE2	Bow East	1154	Old Peoples` Club, 41 Wrights Road	no change
BE3	Bow East	1738	Tredegar Centre, Morville Road	more suitable venue to replace Bow Community Hall
BE4	Bow East	1886	Bow Sec. School (Paton Close), Bow Road Entrance	additional polling station; space available
BGN1	Bethnal Green North	1165	Pritchards Rd Day Centre, Pritchards Rd Marion Place	no change
BGN2	Bethnal Green North	1510	St.Elizabeth`s R.C.Primary School, Bonner Road	no change
BGN2	Bethnal Green North	1494	St.Elizabeth`s Primary School, Bonner Road	no change
BGN3	Bethnal Green North	976	Lawdale Primary School, Mansford Street	no change
BGN3	Bethnal Green North	943	Lawdale Primary School, Mansford Street	no change
BGN4	Bethnal Green North	1333	Oaklands Secondary School, Old Bethnal Green Rd	no change
BGN4	Bethnal Green North	1311	Oaklands Secondary School, Old Bethnal Green Rd	no change
BGS1	Bethnal Green South	1456	Hague Primary School, Wilmot Street	no change

BGS2	Bethnal Green South	1471	John Scurr Primary School, Cephas Street)
BGS2	Bethnal Green South	1537	John Scurr Primary School, Cephas Street	) reallocate electors between polling
BGS2	Bethnal Green South	1321	John Scurr Primary School, Cephas Street	) stations if necessary
BGS3	Bethnal Green South	1204	Stewart Headlam Primary School, Tapp Street	no change
BGS3	Bethnal Green South	906	Stewart Headlam Primary School, Tapp Street	no change
BGS4	Bethnal Green South	1198	Whitechapel Sports Centre, Durward Street	no change
BW1	Bow West	1395	Chisenhale Primary School, Chisenhale Road	no change
BW1	Bow West	1381	Chisenhale Primary School, Chisenhale Road	no change
BW2	Bow West	1235	Olga Primary School, Lanfranc Road	no change
BW2	Bow West	1170	Olga Primary School, Lanfranc Road	no change
BW3	Bow West	1182	Central Foundation Sec. School, College Terrace	no change
BW4	Bow West	1751	Malmesbury Primary School, Coborn Street	additional polling station; space available
EIL1	East India & Lansbury	2052	St.Saviour's Primary School, Chrisp Street	additional polling station, space available
EIL2	East India & Lansbury	1184	Bygrove Primary School, Bygrove Street	no change
EIL3	East India & Lansbury	1627	Brownfield Senior Citizens Club, 96 Burcham Street	additional polling station if space allows
EIL4	East India & Lansbury	1087	Culloden Primary School, Dee Street	no change
EIL4	East India & Lansbury	1017	Culloden Primary School, Dee Street	no change
EIL5	East India & Lansbury	1647	Teviot Centre, Wyvis Street	additional polling station
LI1	Limehouse	1552	Stepney Greencoat Primary School, Norbiton Road	additional polling station
LI2	Limehouse	1676	Hind Grove Community Centre, 18 Stainsby Road	) additional polling station if space allows
LI2	Limehouse	1456	Hind Grove Community Centre, 18 Stainsby Road)
LI3	Limehouse	914	Holy Family School, Wades Place	no change
LI3	Limehouse	860	Holy Family School, Wades Place	no change
LI4	Limehouse	1603	Cyril Jackson Primary School, 51 Three Colts Street	no change
LI4	Limehouse	1520	Cyril Jackson Primary School, 51 Three Colts Street	no change
MEE1	Mile End East	1620	Professional Development Centre, English Street	60 Southern Grove no longer available
MEE2	Mile End East	1106	Wellington Primary School, Wellington Way	no change
MEE2	Mile End East	1053	Wellington Primary School, Wellington Way	no change
MEE3	Mile End East	992	St.Pauls with St. Lukes School, Leopold Street	no change
MEE3	Mile End East	815	St.Pauls with St. Lukes School, Leopold Street	no change

MEE4	Mile End East	1051	Stebon Primary School, Burdett Estate	no change
MEE4	Mile End East	1004	Stebon Primary School, Wallwood St, Burdett Estate	no change
MGT1	Mile End & Globetown	1419	New Bonner Primary School, Hartley Street	) new venue; space available for 2 polling stations
MGT1	Mile End & Globetown	1400	New Bonner Primary School, Hartley Street	) stations
MGT2	Mile End & Globetown	1686	The Tramshed, Digby Street	additional polling station; anticipated increase in electorate
MGT3	Mile End & Globetown	1347	Harpley Secondary School, Globe Road	no change
MGT3	Mile End & Globetown	1346	Harpley Secondary School, Globe Road	no change
MGT4	Mile End & Globetown	991	Latimer Congregational Hall, Ernest Street	no change
MGT4	Mile End & Globetown	966	Latimer Congregational Hall, Ernest Street	no change
MI1	Millwall	2691	Seven Mills Primary School, Malabar Street	) 2 additional polling stations; space available
MI1	Millwall	2476	Seven Mills Primary School, Malabar Street	) significant increase in electorate anticipated
MI2	Millwall	1221	St.Edmund's RC Primary School, 297 Westferry Road	no change
MI2	Millwall	1326	St.Edmund's RC Primary School, 297 Westferry Road	no change
MI2	Millwall	1077	St.Edmund's RC Primary School, 297 Westferry Road	no change
MI3	Millwall	1492	Harbinger Primary School, Cahir Street	no change
MI3	Millwall	1409	Harbinger Primary School, Cahir Street	no change
SDS1	St Dunstan's & Stepney Grm	1172	Stepney Green Secondary School, Ben Jonson Road	no change
SDS1	St Dunstan's & Stepney Grm	1082	Stepney Green Secondary School, Ben Jonson Road	no change
SDS2	St Dunstan's & Stepney Grm	1960	Cayley Primary School, Aston Street	retain polling places but reallocate some electors to SDS4
SDS2	St Dunstan's & Stepney Grm	1890	Cayley Primary School, Aston Street	as additional polling station cannot be accommodated
SDS3	St Dunstan's & Stepney Grm	1970	Sir John Cass Foundation & Redcoat Secondary School	) additional polling station, if practicable
SDS3	St Dunstan's & Stepney Grm	1749	Sir John Cass Foundation & Redcoat Secondary School)
SDS4	St Dunstan's & Stepney Grm		Halley Street Primary	additional polling district SDS4 as Cayley Primary cannot accommodate extra station; anticipated increase in electorate
SH1	Shadwell	984	Bigland Green Primary School, Bigland Street	no change
SH1	Shadwell	908	Bigland Green Primary School, Bigland Street	no change
SH5	Shadwell	1550	Bluegate Fields Primary School, St David's Lane	moved from Bigland Green Primary School
SH2	Shadwell	1856	St.Mary & St. Michael Church Hall, Lukin Street	) two polling stations; moved from St Mary & St Michael School; revised polling district boundaries
SH3	Shadwell	1602	Glamis Tenants Hall, 414 Cable Street	) revised polling district boundaries

SH4	Shadwell	1871	Portacabin, Royal Foundation of St Katharine's, private access road	) revised polling district boundaries
SH6	Shadwell		Ogilvie Community Hall	) new polling station; revised polling district boundaries
SK1	St Katharine's & Wapping	1131	St. Paul's Primary School, Wellclose Square	no change
SK1	St Katharine's & Wapping	954	St. Paul's Primary School, Wellclose Square	no change
SK2B	St Katharine's & Wapping	1429	St. Peter's Primary School, Garnet Street	no change
SK2B	St Katharine's & Wapping	899	St Peter's Primary School, Garnet Street	no change
SK3	St Katharine's & Wapping	1467	John Orwell Sports Centre, Tench Street	no change
SK3	St Katharine's & Wapping	1437	John Orwell Sports Centre, Tench Street	no change
SK4	St Katharine's & Wapping	1742	Hermitage Primary School, Vaughan Way	additional polling station; space available
SPB1	Spitalfields & Banglatown	979	Christ Church Primary School, 47A Brick Lane	no change
SPB1	Spitalfields & Banglatown	891	Christ Church Primary School, 47A Brick Lane	no change
SPB2	Spitalfields & Banglatown	1383	Osmani Primary School, Vallance Road	no change
SPB2	Spitalfields & Banglatown	892	Osmani Primary School, Vallance Road	no change
SPB3	Spitalfields & Banglatown	1254	Canon Barnett Primary School, Gunthorpe Street	no change
SPB3	Spitalfields & Banglatown	1182	Canon Barnett Primary School, Gunthorpe Street	no change
WE1	Weavers	1221	Columbia Primary School, Columbia Road	no change
WE1	Weavers	1152	Columbia Primary School, Columbia Road	no change
WE2	Weavers	1247	Virginia Primary School, Hocker Street Entrance	no change
WE2	Weavers	1178	Virginia Primary School, Hocker Street Entrance	no change
WE3	Weavers	1824	St Matthias Primary, Bacon Street	) new polling place with additional polling station to cope
WE3	Weavers	1605	St Matthias Primary, Bacon Street	) with increased electorate; replaces William Davis Primary
WH1	Whitechapel	1721	Kobi Nazrul Primary School, Settles Street	additional polling station; space available
WH2	Whitechapel	1719	Tower Hamlets Community Housing, 285 Commercial Road	to replace Cheviot House which will no longer be available
WH3	Whitechapel	2670	Smithy Street Primary	to replace Stepney Library which has closed (2 stations)
WH4	Whitechapel	1515	Harry Gosling Primary School, Fairclough Street	no change
WH4	Whitechapel	1449	Harry Gosling Primary School, Fairclough Street	no change

Agenda Item 4.3

Committee: General Purposes Committee	Date: 22 October 2008	Classification: Unrestricted	Report No:	Agenda Item No:
Report of: The Monitoring Officer		Title: Constitution – Additional delegation		
Originating Officer(s): Isabella Freeman, Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services) & Monitoring Officer		Wards Affected: All		

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Power to serve notices to remove unlawful advertising hoardings and structures is currently delegated to the Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture. A major campaign to remove such hoardings and to deal with any new ones which may appear in the build up to the 2012 Olympic Games is being undertaken by the planning enforcement section of the Development and Renewal Directorate. It would be appropriate for the Corporate Director, Development and Renewal to be authorised additionally to carry out functions under Section 11 London Local Authorities Act 1995.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The Committee is recommended:
- (i) to authorise the Corporate Director, Development and Renewal to exercise the Council's powers under Section 11 London Local Authorities Act 1995, and
 - (ii) the Council's Constitution be amended accordingly

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (as amended) "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report, given limited circulation in conjunction with this report on CD/ROM

Brief description of "Background paper"
of holder and address where open

Name and telephone number

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Section 11 of the London Authorities Act 1995 provides that a London Borough Council may serve a notice upon a person who appears to be responsible for the erection or maintenance of a hoarding or other structure for the display of advertisements which does not have deemed or express planning consent, requiring its removal within 21 days. The Council has power to remove the hoarding or structure and recover its costs if the notice is not complied with
- 3.2 As a local act function the Council may decide whether it is to be regarded as an executive function or a non-executive function and has determined it to be a council function. The Council has delegated the function to the Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture (Constitution, paragraph 3.1.2 item 3, page 67).
- 3.3 Hitherto the Council has not used the power extensively but delegated it to the Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture as it was anticipated that any use would be associated with that Director's responsibilities for the Council's highway functions.
- 3.4 In the preparation for the 2012 Olympic Games Tower Hamlets has been identified as a prime area for unlawful advertising and from an initial survey it is estimated that there are currently a hundred large scale unlawful advertising hoardings many of which cover significant building features and distract drivers. It is intended to use Section 11 to eradicate the current unlawful structures and in respect of any new ones which may emerge in the build up to the Olympics.
- 3.5 This is being dealt with as a planning enforcement matter rather than solely in connection with highways responsibilities as some of these hoardings are placed on both public and private land somewhat removed from the highway and consequently it would be appropriate for the Corporate Director, Development and Renewal to be given delegated authority to serve notices under Section 11 in the same way as the power is already delegated to the Corporate Director, Communities Localities and Culture and it is so recommended.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5. CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL)

- 5.1 The power under section 11 London Local Authorities Act 1995 is exercisable by the Council and it is for the Council to determine who is authorised to undertake the function. There is no legal or constitutional difficulty in the power being delegated to more than one director.

6. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None.

7. ANTI POVERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None.

8. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 A campaign to eradicate unlawful hoardings across the borough will result in a less cluttered environment and one which is safer for motorists who might otherwise be distracted. In the build up to the Olympic games in 2012 a more attractive environment will enhance both the borough and the host city.

9. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 9.1 The removal of unlawful advertising hoardings will provide a more natural environment and effect a saving in the use of power.

10. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 None.

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